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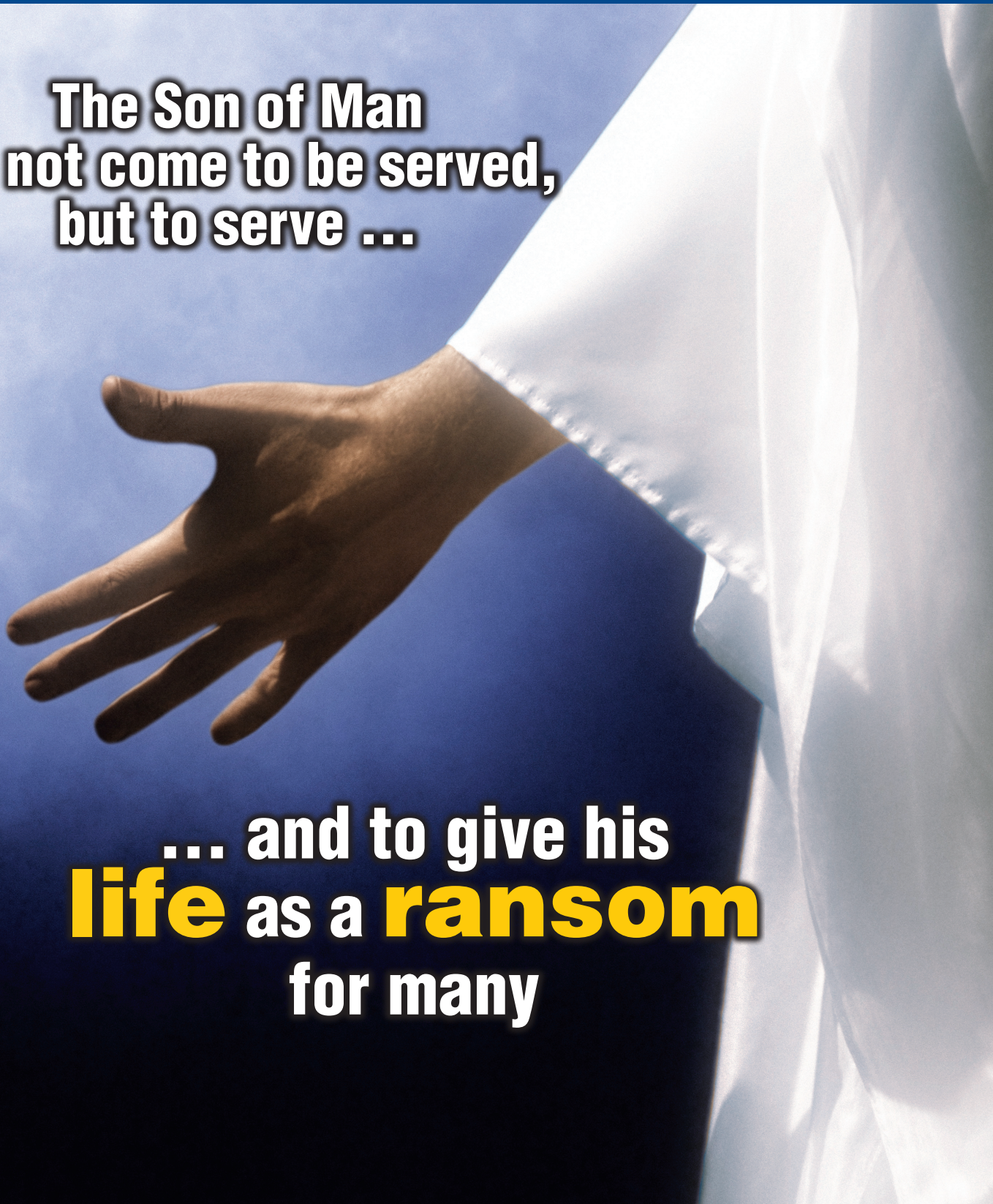
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**The Son of Man  
did not come to be served,  
but to serve ...**



**... and to give his  
life as a ransom  
for many**



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### General Shaw Clifton and Commissioner Helen Clifton

Thursday, April 26

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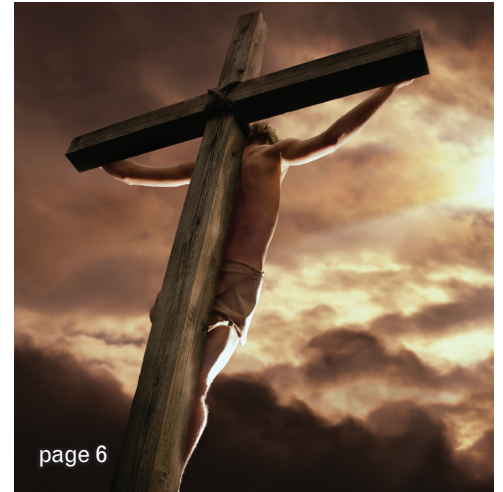
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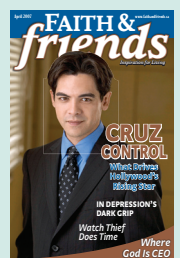
#### Mission Statements

The Salvation Army exists to share the love of Jesus Christ, meet human needs and be a transforming influence in the communities of our world.

*Salvationist* informs readers about the mission and ministry of The Salvation Army in Canada and Bermuda while engaging them with our biblical mission and purpose.

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## "There Should Be No Poor Among You ..."

In these early years of the 21st century, the gap between the "haves" and the "have-nots" continues to grow. It is not just a commentary on the chasm between the developed and undeveloped world, but also between those in poverty and the affluent in western society. Many have spent much of their lives in service to the poor and disadvantaged. Except for rather infrequent successes, the numbers and situations that lead to poverty seem to grow and demand more resources from us. Is there no end?

Too often we use Jesus' statement from Matthew 26:11, "The poor you will always have with you," to excuse our lack of action to overcome poverty. We shrug off a seemingly impossible task and respond with complacency. Yet his words come out of a passage in Deuteronomy 15:4-5 that points to an abundance viewpoint. Moses, speaking to the people of Israel, says, "However, there should be no poor among you, for in the land the Lord your God is giving you to possess as your inheritance, he will richly bless you, if only you fully obey the Lord your God ... " (NIV).

Certainly poverty has a complex set of factors. Yet God's world is productive enough to meet the needs of all. Human beings created in his image are creative and innovative enough to make it happen. Is this too idealistic?

This month's issue of *Salvationist* features The Salvation Army's social services ministry. It is a formidable force for good in Canada and Bermuda. It is responsive to the poor and disadvantaged in practical and encouraging ways. Yet the need for it continues to grow. Somehow we must discover how to participate with God and our communities to recognize the abundance we have together and work for the day when there are no poor among us.

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United Nations, New York City

# Salvation Army Launches International Social Justice Commission

Commissioner M. Christine MacMillan to  
head up new office in New York City

In recent months much prayer, thought and planning has taken place for a new global initiative by The Salvation Army with regard to issues of social justice. On July 1, a new unit of International Headquarters (IHQ) will come into being to be known as the International Social Justice Commission. Led by a senior officer who will carry the designation of international director for social justice, this significant new work will come under the office of the Chief of the Staff.

In making the announcement, General Shaw Clifton indicated that the first international director for social justice would be Commissioner M. Christine MacMillan, currently serving as territorial commander for Canada and Bermuda.


According to the official announcement from IHQ, released February 1, the commission will be a permanent, standing body comprised of a small team of full-time specialists, all committed Salvationists, working in conjunction with a panel of expert international consultants. The director and staff will be the Army's principal international advocate and adviser on social, economic and political issues and events that give rise to the perpetuation of social injustice in the world. They will assist the Army in addressing social injustice in a systematic, measured, proactive and Christian manner, consistent with the purposes for which God raised up The Salvation Army.

In addition to these duties, the commission will advise the General and other senior Army leaders on matters of social justice. It will also absorb and extend the current work of the Moral and Social Issues desk at IHQ, re-introducing an International Moral and Social Issues Council. Working from offices situated

near the UN building in New York City, members will expand and develop the Army's role and influence within the United Nations, supervising and co-ordinating the work now being done in New York, Vienna and Geneva. They will place on a more systematic and effective basis the role of the Army in relation to other major world forums, advising the General on Salvationist representation therein.

The commission will also liaise regularly with territorial and other Army groups engaged in social justice advocacy, seeking to ensure a co-ordinated approach and

offering encouragement and guidance. It will specifically work with territories and commands where as yet little is being done in relation to issues of social justice, seeking to find ways in which such a role can be undertaken by the Army in the local setting.

In making the announcement, General Shaw Clifton writes, "I believe that God is providing us with a moment of his choosing for this initiative. Please bring it all to him in prayer and uphold the director and staff as they come into office later this year." 

## Commissioner M. Christine MacMillan

Commissioned in 1975, Commissioner M. Christine MacMillan has spent most of her officership in social services appointments. Following her commissioning in 1975, she served for 15 years at The Homestead in Vancouver, where she received professional qualifications as an addictions counsellor. During this time she founded The Cross Walk, a drop-in centre and base for street work in the city's Downtown Eastside, and Kate Booth House, a haven for battered women and children. International appointments have taken her to the United Kingdom, where she served as associate director of the London Homelessness Project, and the Australia Eastern Territory, where she was secretary for program. In between she served as assistant social services secretary for Canada and Bermuda.

In 2002, Commissioner MacMillan became territorial commander for Papua New Guinea, where she witnessed the

vibrant expression of Army ministry in this developing country. Since her appointment as territorial commander for Canada and Bermuda in June 2003, she has travelled the length and breadth of the territory communicating her vision and inspiring Salvationists to focus on

mission and ministry as they seek to be a transforming influence in their own communities.

The commissioner has travelled to various other territories during her term in office and has become known around the Army world for her passionate concern for social justice. At the High Council in January 2006, she was

honoured by her international colleagues by being selected as one of five candidates for the office of General.

Salvationists throughout the Canada and Bermuda Territory are urged to pray for our territorial commander as she prepares her heart and mind for the great responsibilities that will be hers in the days to come.





# New Territorial Leaders

Commissioners William and Marilyn Francis to assume leadership of the Canada and Bermuda Territory July 1

Commissioners William and Marilyn Francis, officers of the U.S.A. Eastern Territory currently serving at IHQ as international secretary and zonal secretary for women's ministries, Americas and Caribbean Zone, have been appointed by the General as territorial leaders for Canada and Bermuda. Commissioner William Francis is appointed as territorial commander and Commissioner Marilyn Francis as territorial president of women's ministries. They will succeed Commissioner M. Christine MacMillan, who has led the territory since June 22, 2003.

A second-generation Salvationist, Commissioner William Francis was born and raised in Troy, N.Y. Upon completion of his undergraduate work at Houghton College, a Christian liberal arts institution in New York, he attended Asbury Theological Seminary in Kentucky, graduating with a master of divinity degree in 1969. Commissioner Marilyn Francis, a first-generation Salvationist, met her husband and The Salvation Army while attending Houghton College. She graduated in 1965 with a bachelor of music degree and earned a master of arts in leadership and ministry from Greenville College, Illinois, in 2003. In December 1965, they were married at Houghton College.

Before officership, William Francis



was employed as a field representative for The Salvation Army in New Jersey. Marilyn Francis was a voice instructor at Asbury College and a junior high school music teacher.


In 1971, William and Marilyn entered the School for Officer Training in the U.S.A. Eastern Territory. During their officership, they have served as corps officers, divisional youth leaders and divisional leaders, and held various THQ appointments. From 1992 to 1997, they served at the U.S.A. Eastern Territory's School for Officer Training, as principal and director of special services.

Commissioner William Francis has conducted many tours to the Holy Land.

His book, *The Stones Cry Out*, takes a fresh look, through the eyes of modern archeology and biblical research, at 18 locations of Jesus' ministry throughout the land of Israel. He is also the author of *Celebrate the Feasts of the Lord* and a contributing author for *Living Portraits Speaking Still: A Collection of Bible Studies*.

Throughout their lives the commissioners have been zealous advocates for Christian higher education. Until his appointment to IHQ, Commissioner William Francis served as a trustee of Greenville College and a member of the president's advisory board at Houghton College. The Houghton College Alumni Association named William and Marilyn Francis as Alumni of the Year for 1996. In May 2002, Houghton College conferred on Commissioner William Francis an honorary doctor of divinity degree.

Since April 1, 2003, Commissioner William Francis has been serving as the international secretary for the Americas and Caribbean Zone, giving oversight to 11 territories. Commissioner Marilyn Francis has been responsible for women's ministries throughout the zone.

The commissioners have one son, Captain William Francis, currently serving as a corps officer in the U.S.A. Eastern Territory, and a daughter, Susan. They also have one grandchild, Marshall Derence. 


## Women's Ministries Celebrates Centenary

William Booth had a big heart of compassion. He was known to shed tears over the suffering of humanity. The women in his life shared this vision. Catherine, his wife, along with her daughters and daughters-in-law, longed for women to be empowered and offered inclusion by The Salvation Army. The Army is a place where they can shed their tears of spiritual longing, repentance, sorrow and joy—and find acceptance, faith for the future and opportunities for Christian service.



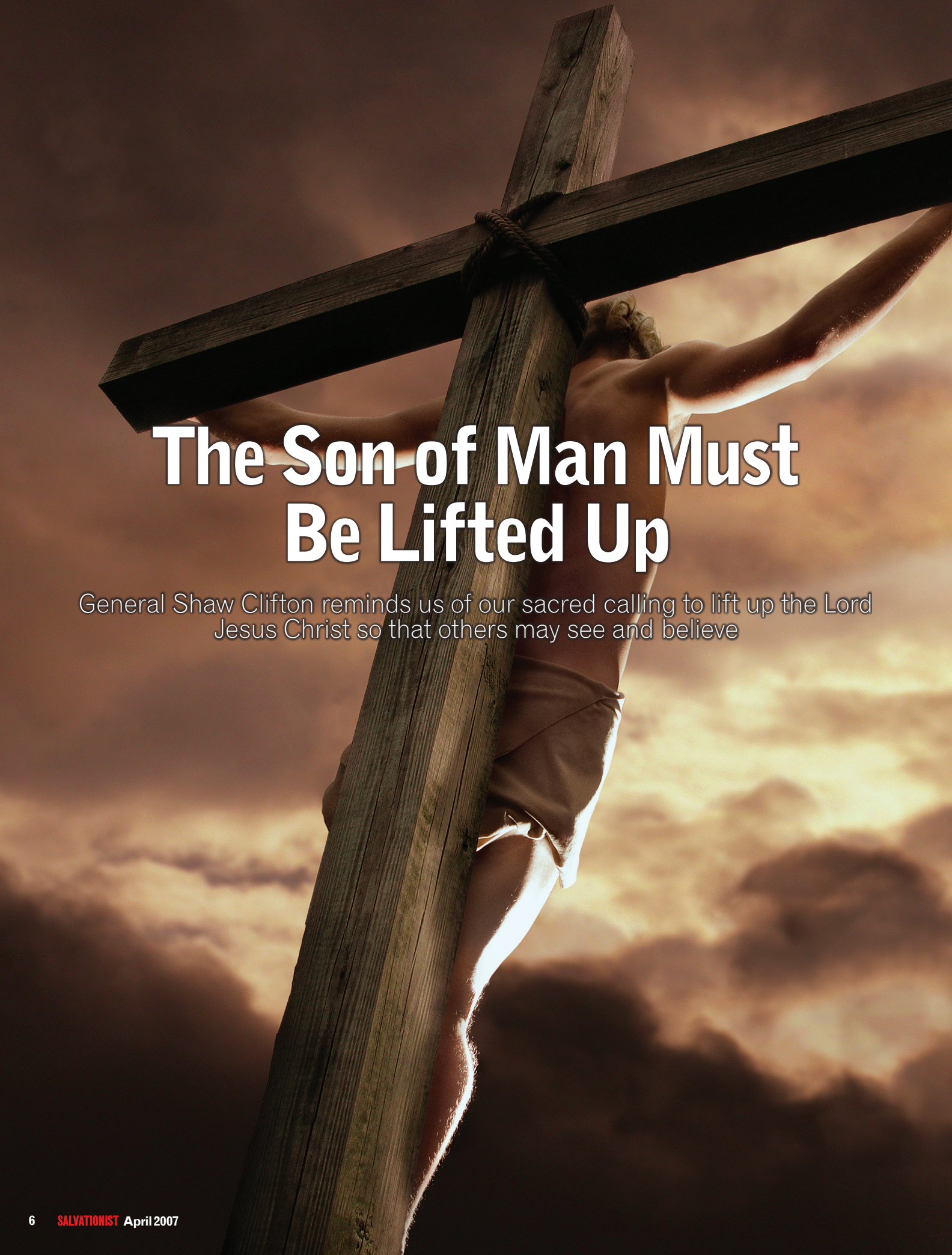
It is in this spirit that 100 years of women's ministries is being celebrated in 2007. The teardrop depicted in the specially designed logo represents a softened heart. The phrase "while women weep ..." has been translated into many languages. In English, the international language of the Internet, the initials are www, indicating that even in modern days, women need the network—the worldwide web—of The Salvation Army.

Women's ministries has been an area of vibrant activity and witness

for the gospel since its launch in 1907. The most recent surveys show more than 500,000 members in the various groups. The home league, which is the basis of women's ministries, peaked at 431,000 in 1995. It is our prayer that in this centenary year there will be more tears of joy than tears of sorrow, tears of laughter as well as pain. But most of all, we pray that joys and griefs alike will be shared in the many fellowships around the world. 

— Commissioner Helen Clifton  
World President of Women's Ministries





# The Son of Man Must Be Lifted Up

General Shaw Clifton reminds us of our sacred calling to lift up the Lord Jesus Christ so that others may see and believe



*The CROSS is a constant reminder that we  
can make a new beginning, whatever we  
have done with our lives thus far*

It was to Nicodemus that Jesus spoke these words: “The Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him” (John 3:14-15). Then followed the famous, most often quoted words in Scripture from John 3:16: “For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.”

Lifted up? Yes. That is exactly what they did to Jesus at Calvary. They hoisted him high on a cross of wood and nailed him there. Some thought it would get rid of a troublemaker. Others genuinely believed he had blasphemed by claiming to be the Son of God. A few, a precious few, knew who he was and wept their hearts out as they watched him die. They could not take it in. A good man condemned like a thief. Some who had been close to him had deserted. While he suffered, they ran away and hid.

Lifted up? Yes. There on a high hill, Calvary—at a place called Golgotha—they executed the best person ever to have walked on the face of the earth. Jesus was innocent of the charges levelled against him. He took it all in virtual silence, never protesting his innocence. He knew he was at the centre of the heavenly Father’s plan of salvation for all of humankind.

Lifted up? Yes. They looked at him, some mocking. They taunted him with cheap, hollow words. “Come on down and save yourself!”

Even now some will still deride and cheapen what was done that fateful day.

Lifted up? Yes. Into dreadful pain, more of the soul than of the body. He was made sin for us that day, carrying all the weight of my sins and yours as a perfect, atoning sacrifice. He felt utterly cut off from God, crying out in agony of spirit as he experienced crucifixion of both body and mind.

Lifted up? Yes. His cross stands starkly as a sign forever of the loving heart of God toward us, despite our sin and disobedience. It is a constant reminder that we can make a new beginning, whatever we have done with our lives thus far. Jesus “lifted up” means forgiveness for the truly repentant, sincerely seeking, sinner and the real possibility of a pure and holy life, even in a sin-sick world.

Lifted up? Yes. Still today Jesus is lifted up for all to see through the lives of those who have received him as their Saviour. The nailed-down Jesus, the dead Jesus, was not the end of the story, but only the beginning. He defeated sin. He defeated death. The grave could not hold him and they found the tomb empty, the grave clothes lying discarded, no longer required. Hardly do we commemorate his dying before we find ourselves caught up in the wonder of his resurrection. Christ is alive! Lift up your hearts!

Lifted up? Yes. You can lift him up—by the way you live for him, by witnessing for him, by loving and serving him, by obeying his words

found in the Bible. You can lift him up—by having a heart of concern for the lost, by feeling the pain of a broken world, by sympathy, compassion and an aching heart for others in their lostness and need. You can lift him up—by devoting yourself to the sacred work of soul-winning, making it your daily business, by responding to a sacred calling into Salvation Army officership if that is what God is speaking into your life just now, and by simply being his loving and obedient child.

Lifted up? Yes. There he is in Heaven, seated at the right hand of God the Father. The Ascended One waits for you and for me. One day we will be in Heaven, too, lost in wonder, love and praise. We will see him face to face. Will you be there? He did it all for you, all for me.

This Easter, let all Salvationists lift up Jesus, for all the world to see and believe that Jesus is the Christ, so that they might have eternal life.

God bless you. He is alive and is with you day by day, moment by moment. S



*General Shaw Clifton is the world leader of The Salvation Army*





# Who Is My Neighbour?

As social-service ministries change, the need is greater than ever for Salvationists to get involved

by Geoff Moulton

*Managing Editor, Salvationist and Faith & Friends*

**S**ex ring busted at local massage parlour.” “Crystal meth addiction skyrockets.” “Outcry over minimum-wage freeze.” These headlines are ripped from the pages of today’s papers. As the social landscape shifts, how is the Army responding to changing needs? *Salvationist* spoke with members of the territorial social services department to discern how these issues are impacting front-line services, and what Salvationists can do about them.

## Human Trafficking

Statistics indicate that between 700,000 and four million people are being trafficked worldwide in what has become a multibillion-dollar industry. Elaborate links to criminal networks often make it difficult to police and impossible to trace. Human trafficking can take the form of domestic servitude, restaurant and factory work, migrant agricultural work and even organ harvesting.

The chance of Salvation Army workers encountering trafficked persons is real—in women’s shelters, in our work with those in the sex trade, even in family and community services. In cities such as Winnipeg, Ottawa and Moncton, N.B., the Army runs “john schools,” education programs for first-time offenders who have been caught trying to purchase sex from prostituted persons. In the Maritimes, a Salvation Army representative helps advise border police on issues of sexual trafficking.

Divisional working groups also meet regularly to discuss strategy and how to raise awareness. In September 2006, the Canada and Bermuda Territory instituted the first annual weekend of prayer and fasting for victims of human trafficking.

People who fall victim to trafficking are often kidnapped or lured by the prospect of a well-paying job and a better life in a foreign country. Before they embark, they are sometimes required to pay a “fee,” which results in a form of debt-bondage. Instead of the new life they were promised, they are forced into a daily hell of isolation and abuse, working as sex slaves to pay off their “debt.” In addition, their passports are often seized by captors, making them believe that they are in Canada illegally and will be jailed if they escape and go to the authorities. The reality is, however, that Canada has laws and protocols in place to care for victims in a way that does not criminalize them.

Mary Ellen Eberlin, territorial social services secretary, notes that government policy has changed and the Army continues to lobby government for further enhancements for shelter and care. “Trafficked persons need to be treated with the utmost dignity,” says Eberlin. “The Army applauds last year’s immigration protocol allowing trafficked people who escape or are rescued a period of amnesty to recover and reflect on what they wish to do.

“We are only seeing the tip of the

iceberg. The problem is systemic. It’s an international web of corruption where women and children are bought and sold as commodities. As Salvationists, we need to be aware of it, pray about it and talk about it.”

## Crystal Meth and New Drugs

Another alarming new trend is the rise of methamphetamine, also known as crystal meth. Its street names are crank, sketch, jib or tina. It’s a popular drug among teens because the ingredients are found in common household items such as cough medicine, paint thinner and drain cleaner, and it can cost as little as five dollars per hit.

“Some dealers are now selling low-grade cocaine spiked with crystal meth,” notes Major Tom Tuppenney, social services consultant for addictions. “People are getting hooked on a more damaging drug, and don’t even realize they’re taking it.”

With crystal meth, the “high” can last for more than eight hours. Effects include hallucinations, paranoia, rages, extreme weight loss, brain hemorrhage and cardiovascular shock.

The Army has a new six-bed shelter in Victoria specifically for crystal meth addicts. When it opened, the Crystal Meth Victoria Society received over 150 calls from parents wanting to know how to get their kids in.

“In Vancouver, the problem is rampant,” notes a social services consultant.

"They've pulled cold medication off the drugstore shelves because it contains pseudoephedrine, the main ingredient in crystal meth. Someone only needs to get involved with meth once and it's over—they're hooked."

"Our shelters are not equipped for this kind of problem. The level of violence involved in crystal meth use and the age of addicts—generally young teenagers—means that they do not mix well with our traditional treatment clients. The older men who are battling traditional addictions to alcohol and other drugs are scared to death of these kids because they are so unpredictable."

"It's a faster addiction," agrees Mary Ellen Eberlin. "Lives are destroyed within minutes. As drugs change, so must our ability to respond. The detox period for crystal meth is much longer. It impacts the brain earlier. Traditional treatment methods do not work."

"In an insidious way, drug use is becoming a more accepted part of the youth culture," says Major Tuppenney. "Even energy drinks with high caffeine content are being marketed to young people to give them a buzz. In some cases, chemicals are added to drinks to produce a numbing sensation in the throat that simulates drug use."

"The profile of movie stars in and out of rehab almost glamorizes the issue," continues Eberlin. "It's sending the wrong message to youth. We are seeing a rise in the use of recreational drugs and in new drugs that devastate young lives."

### **Poverty and Homelessness**

"There is an underlying belief that there are 'deserving' and 'undeserving' poor in our society, which affects many of our government's social-policy decisions," states Brad Harris, an expert in homelessness. "We have employment insurance and other safety nets for the deserving poor, but society turns its back on the undeserving poor because we believe they are responsible for creating their own mess. As a result, we punish the people that need the most help."

"It becomes a vicious cycle when we enforce a minimum wage that people cannot live on. Social assistance rates in Ontario, for example, went through a period in the late 1990s and early 2000s when they remained unchanged. They have not kept pace with an increased cost of living. Some families now have to work four jobs just to provide for their children. These are the people who are

coming to our family and community services for assistance."

Even those who work cannot afford the basic necessities. "In the Army's Calgary shelter system, 50 percent of clients have full-time jobs," says Harris. "They simply don't have enough money for rent on minimum wage. The government is promoting 'housing first,' but many homeless people have other problems such as mental illness. Housing is not enough if there is no social support network."

Through its vast shelter network, the Army is addressing the complexity of the problem. "These days we have more employment centres attached to shelters," notes Joanne Tilley. "We're not just providing emergency shelters, we're now involved in transitional housing. There is a greater focus on life skills that help people secure a job to pay the bills."

### **Health and Long-Term Care**

"In health care, the Army has been forced to adapt to external pressures," says Mildred Jarvis, social services consultant for long-term care. "Regional health boards and health-care reform have demanded much more accountability and regulation from health-care providers."

"With greater resources in the community, people are also coming to our long-term care homes later in life. As a result, they are much more reliant on us for a higher level of care. In the last few years, the Army has opened two new long-term care homes and an assisted-living home, which are designed to accommodate residents with dementia."

Unfortunately, regional health authorities across the country still struggle to provide enough funding to adequately meet the increased demand. Toronto's Meighen Manor has over 250 on its waiting list. Coupled with this is the challenge of recruiting and retaining qualified health staff, aging buildings and increased capital expenses. Many long-term care centres are feeling the financial crunch.

Despite these challenges, the Army has introduced new models that have garnered the attention of the health-care community. In Regina, the Army operates a hospice adjacent to its special-care home. The integrated sharing of administration, chaplaincy and domestic services has helped cut costs and enhance service delivery. In Ontario, the Army's London Village provides respite care for families dealing with Alzheimer's disease.

In addition, the London Centre of Hope has set up a health clinic, where nurses and doctors provide on-site care for those who lack the proper health credentials.

### **Cultural Diversity and Ministry**

With the huge influx of immigrants in recent years, Salvation Army centres are becoming more culturally sensitive. "At Kate Booth House," notes Joanne Tilley, "staff discovered that food preparation wasn't meeting the cultural needs of clients of Chinese and East Indian descent and they adjusted their meal plans accordingly."

Still, when it comes to meeting needs of diverse cultures, more community education is needed. "It's no good for a food bank to receive peanut butter and pork and beans in an area that needs Basmati rice," insists Tilley. "People need assistance that is culturally relevant."

Many immigrants and refugees, despite having higher average levels of education than Canadian-born residents, are 3.5 times as likely to have low incomes because they lack Canadian credentials. Typically, foreign-born doctors and engineers end up working as taxi drivers or domestic servants.

"There needs to be a system whereby foreign credentials can be acknowledged," says Tilley. Through its immigrant and refugee ministries, the Army provides ESL courses and training to smooth the transition for newcomers to Canada. It's an area of potential growth for the Army, but there are challenges. "Immigrants are not always sure what The Salvation Army is all about," says Tilley. "We need to continue to reach out to them in ways they understand."

These are not abstract problems—they affect real people in your community every day. Jesus commanded us to love our neighbours. Salvationists must work alongside our social-services ministries to reach the hurting and the lost. The onus is on us to get involved.

We may not all be experts in social service, but we can each do something to make a difference, whether it's preparing sandwiches for street ministry, providing a music program to clients at a homeless shelter, inviting immigrants into our homes, visiting with an elderly person or praying for front-line Army workers.

Now that you know the tremendous needs, ask yourself: Just who are my neighbours? And what am I doing to reach them with the love of Christ? ☺



# New Opening in Corner Brook

by Major Barry Gray

*Social Services Co-ordinator for Corner Brook, N.L. West Div*

On January 18, Commissioner M. Christine MacMillan, territorial commander, opened a new social services centre in Corner Brook, N.L., supported by Major Junior Hynes, divisional commander, and divisional staff. For several years the city's social services operated from a facility that could no longer meet the growing needs for the area. Services were limited and could not be expanded, plus there was no privacy for clients being helped.

When I was appointed as social services co-ordinator for Corner Brook in July 2004, I knew something had to be done to improve the facilities and enhance our service and reputation within the community. After much praying and searching, a piece of property became available that was perfectly suited to our needs. Renovations began in August 2006 and four months later we moved in. It was a dream come true.

The new centre houses a thrift store, along with offices for community and family services, correctional and justice services and chaplaincy. There is a boardroom plus a kitchen/classroom where we offer courses on cooking, budgeting and other important life skills. We also offer a Bible study and hope to offer more programs in the future.



**Commissioner M. Christine MacMillan, TC, cuts the ribbon to open the new social services centre, supported by, from left, Mjr Junior Hynes, DC, N.L. West Div; Mjr Barry Gray, social services co-ordinator; Mjr Brian Wheeler, DSP, N.L. West Div**



by Major Victor Cyr, Executive Director, Community and Family Services/Suicide Prevention Ministries, Hamilton, Ontario

Hi, my name is Joe. I'm about to be evicted from my apartment and have nowhere to move or store my goods. Is there anything The Salvation Army can do to help me?"

David Millar fields many such questions in his job as moving and storage manager at Hamilton's community and family services/suicide prevention ministries. Moving and storage is just one of nine community-based programs run by this large downtown social services ministry. It is a relatively unique work that engages people at a very sensitive time in their lives while they face the prospect of losing their household possessions due to various factors.

The work began in 2001 when Major Ron Sharegan, then executive director, saw a pressing need in Hamilton's downtown core to help individuals and families who were

being forced to sell or give away their possessions. Being blessed with a 33,000-square foot building to help facilitate storage and a 5-ton vehicle to move goods, the ministry secured government funding to hire staff and so began this important work. The initial funding was cut off 18 months later, but was replaced in 2004 when new money became available under the National Homelessness Initiative.

Community social workers acknowledge the value of the Army's program. They know that many of their clients would lose all their belongings were it not for the Army's help. Though present government funding comes to an end this month, the ministry won't be closing this time round. A low, not-for-profit user service fee, based on a client's ability to pay, will be introduced as a means of helping to keep the ministry running for years to come.

## Did you know ...

... The Salvation Army in Channel/Port-aux-Basques, N.L., offers a walk aerobics class for individuals wanting to lose weight and manage stress? Led by Cpt Dena Hepditch, more than 30 participants gather each week to take in the devotions and build up a sweat ... Agape Hospice in Calgary receives "comfort cookies" baked by volunteers from Berkshire CC and another local congregation? The cookies are enjoyed by residents and their families ... Jean Graham, a soldier of Fenelon

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... Comr Todd Bassett, former national commander, U.S.A., has been named executive director of the National Association of Evangelicals in the United States?

... the Canada and Bermuda Territory now has a French national website? Check it out at [ArmeeduSalut.ca](http://ArmeeduSalut.ca)

... a new bi-weekly women's venture called "Faithbooking" commenced at Woodstock CC, Ont., in January? A monthly theme is provided and a qualified instructor helps women put

together their Faithbook as they enjoy worship and fellowship

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# Winds of Hope Blow Through Montreal

**by Major David McCann**

*Winds of Hope Ministries, Montreal*



**Daniel and Julie, members of Winds of Hope,  
enjoy a moment at the Church of "St.-Arbucks"**

**M**ontreal is a city-paradox. It is one of the most postmodern, post-Christian cities in North America, yet many of its landmarks, street names and historic sites are named for Christian saints. With a view to creating an effective and alternative approach to building bridges to a post-Christian city, The Salvation Army has approved the launching of a new adventure in mission called Winds of Hope.

We have been operating since January 2006, meeting regularly to share coffee and spiritual fellowship. Sometimes our spiritual family refers to our gathering as the Church of "St.-Arbucks." We don't have a building that we call our own, but choose to follow the "simple church" pattern. Some call them house churches or organic churches. The reality is that they are rapidly multiplying, simple communities of believers, meeting in homes, offices, campuses, wherever God is moving. It's a pattern common to many parts of the globe, and is now becoming more and more common in North America as well. Where two or more are gathered in his name, there is church.

Our core values are: Going, Giving, Loving and Living. We go to the world, rather than waiting for it to come to us. We come together where the unchurched gather—in coffee bars, shopping centres, office buildings, living rooms. We give of ourselves through our money, resources and time. Where there is need, we're there.

Winds of Hope is a caring family, where there's always room for one more. We love one another, care for one another, confess to one another, eat with one another, laugh with one another, cry with one another, bless one another, listen to one another, teach and encourage one another.

We are on an adventure with God. We have no idea what Winds of Hope will become, but we're listening attentively to his voice as we seek to be a prophetic voice and a listening ear, extending the hands of God's presence into a world of darkness. Read more about our ministry through my blog at [www.windsofhope.blogspot.com](http://www.windsofhope.blogspot.com).

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*Every day across the territory, Salvation Army front-line workers touch people at their point of need. Salvationist asked leaders in the fields of seniors' care, hospital chaplaincy, homelessness, addictions and corrections and justice services what challenges they are facing and what they are learning through their ministry. Here's what they told us ...*



# Giving Hope Today

## Scarborough Hospital Chaplaincy, Toronto **A Ministry of Presence**

by Major Lorne Jewer, Chaplain

**T**he Salvation Army understands that health care is more than just addressing physical needs. That's why the work of hospital chaplaincy is so important. At the Scarborough Hospital, the mission of the spiritual and religious care department is to care for patients and staff in all their diversity of culture, gender and economic status. I am humbled and blessed to be part of the journey with patients and families on the geriatric and intensive care units.

I have learned that whether I am with Christian, Muslim, Hindu or Buddhist families, sharing prayers or giving supportive listening, often it is my presence that counts most. I've learned that the Army's ministry thrives because of the commitment of people such as Andrew. It was Boxing Day 2005 when Andrew's wife passed away in the palliative care unit. Now he volunteers every Sunday morning, bringing patients to chapel. On a personal note, seeing and hearing the things I do on a daily basis, I have come face-to-face with my own mortality and have been challenged to take better care of myself

and not to take things for granted.

Some of the situations that I deal with in ministry have caused me to face deep, searching questions, such as "Where is God?" or "Why did this happen?" I remember visiting parents who had just delivered a stillborn baby and were asking for a chaplain. This was my first experience with a stillborn and knowing that I had to bathe and dress the baby and prepare mementos like pictures, handprints, footprints and locks of hair made my heart pound. I remember thinking to myself, "How am I going to get through this?"

Again God showed me that he was there for me. As I brought the baby in to the parents and cried with them, I was able to minister to them in their time of great loss. In my

ministry I am reminded again and again that God is the great healer who can bring restoration and hope to broken families.

In this type of ministry, a network of support is critical to a caregiver. I thank Majors Jim and Sheila Ellis for the teaching, support and affirmation that they have given me. I am also grateful to my present chaplaincy team, the ICU and geriatric teams, my wife, Edith, my children, Sarah and Steven, and my mom who has always uplifted me in prayer. These people give me the strength to be the chaplain I am.

**Mjr Lorne Jewer provides a listening ear: "I am reminded again and again that God is the great healer"**





# William Booth Special Care Home, Regina

## Seniors with an Attitude of Gratitude

by Ivy Scobie, Director of Care



Ivy Scobie, right, celebrates a resident's 100th birthday

Someone once said, "What is the difference between kindness and loving kindness? If you were to give a hungry man a piece of bread when he was hungry, that would be kindness. But if you gave him bread with jam on it, that would be loving kindness." At William Booth Special Care Home we serve our bread with jam, and people are taking notice! This is evidenced by the fact that our home has one of the longest wait lists in the province. What is our secret? Loving kindness.

As director of care, I have the honour of seeing God work in this long-term care and hospice facility. When I first began working as a young nurse, the glamour of surgery or maternity care was the lure for most health-care workers. But in recent years I've realized that long-term care is just as fulfilling as any other specialty. Just as assisting in the birth of a baby is an exciting event, so too there is joy and privilege in caring for seniors and attending to their needs in their final days.

I see God at work in many ways. In the kind interactions between staff and residents, I see his love. In the faces of the seniors, I see his patience. I see God when a senior is dying, and note the absence of fear in those who trust in him. I see God's promise fulfilled as they are "promoted to Glory"—this is truly a gift not only for the resident but for the caregiver who

witnesses the event.

I am grateful for a strong management team and front-line workers that I can trust implicitly. The support I have to sustain me is affirmed each day at our facility, whether it be at the morning service, devotions or prayer at mealtimes, all routines that are not commonly seen in other workplaces but which contribute to a caring attitude.

The old adage "You reap what you sow" has taken on a whole new meaning for me. What was sown in the early years of these seniors' lives has now come to fruition in their golden years. Other things that seniors have taught me include:

- Value your family. Build and maintain good relationships when you are young and you will reap the rewards when you are old.
- Patience is a virtue. Learn to practise this spiritual gift now and it will assist



Ivy in conversation: "In the faces of seniors, I see God's patience"

you when you are older and have to wait on others.

- Time is not important. It's not how much time you have left in this life, it's how you choose to use it that counts.
- Don't expect others to make you happy. Happiness comes in different ways to different people. Only true joy comes from the Lord.
- Be respectful and polite. These are values you will take into your senior years, not to mention assisting you with relationships throughout your life.
- Life has order and a purpose. Although you don't know where your journey may take you, a strong faith in God can help guide you along the way.
- Be a good teacher. Remember your children are watching how you treat seniors, and they will do the same when it is their turn to care for you!
- To make a difference in the life of another is truly a gift to the giver. I know this because I have received much more through my ministry than I have given.

Author Charles Swindoll sums up how to live successfully: "The longer I live, the more I realize the impact of attitude on life. Attitude, to me, is more important than facts. It is more important than the past, than education, than money, than circumstances, than failure, than successes, than what other people think or say or do. It is more important than appearance, giftedness or skill. It will make or break a company ... a church ... a home. The remarkable thing is that we have a choice every day regarding the attitude we will embrace for that day. We cannot change our past ... we cannot change the fact that people will act in a certain way. We cannot change the inevitable. The only thing we can do is play on the one string we have, and that is our attitude. I am convinced that life is 10 percent what happens to me and 90 percent of how I react to it. And so it is with you ... we are in charge of our attitudes."

What makes William Booth Special Care Home successful? The wonderful attitude of our staff and residents. I am truly blessed to serve as director of care at this Salvation Army residence. Ministry doesn't get any better than this!



# Community Services, Calgary Dreaming Big, Acting Boldly

by Dr. John Rook, Executive Director

Community Services Calgary is more of an experience than a place. In the heart of the prairies, with the Rocky Mountains an hour to the west, we find ourselves in the midst of both the familiar and the unique. The familiar is people—individuals struggling with poverty, addictions, mental health and family violence. The unfamiliar or unique is a population shift—the migration to Calgary of 100 new families a month, each hoping for a better day, a new start. We are confronted with transitional poverty in ways not seen since William Booth's England saw the influx of rural folk into the city, people hoping for the dream of what a job

might provide for their family.

In Calgary, we have 250 dedicated staff in social services and a budget of \$15 million. Alongside the traditional Salvation Army services of Christmas baskets, addictions programs and homeless shelters, we have the privilege of supporting families through our children's and family services programs. These are housed at an incredible facility called the Children's Village where we have two schools for children with severe emotional and behavioural challenges. Programs are as varied as Pregnant and Parenting, Families Learning Together, Family W.O.R.K.S. (Working on Relationships Through Knowledge and Support) and Healthy Families, all designed for specific needs identified in our community assessments. I encourage you to check these out online at <http://ab.salvationarmy.ca>.

The Army in Calgary also runs two shelters, the Booth Centre and the Centre of Hope, which provide both beds and support to men, women and families suffering the effects of homelessness,

poverty, addictions and mental illness. In our facilities we sleep 600 per night—10 percent of all Salvation Army beds provided throughout Canada. We are always full and are forced to turn away people every night.

Our hope is also our challenge. We believe that a community-based philosophy fits best with both the gospel message and that of William Booth. We believe that institutional ministry is necessary, but in community we can have a relational ministry that will change lives in ways not currently possible. We live for the day when people only use our shelters for a night or two—when their exit to a permanent home begins the moment they walk through our doors. Prevention is better than intervention, and is much more effective than care and cure.

We will dream big. Over the next few years we will move to an inclusive, community-based model of service delivery that will impact every area of our ministry. With God's guidance we will also act boldly, approaching government and funders, community, staff and clients with confidence to advance the Kingdom and lead people to spiritual security, hope and faith.



Homeless men and women share a meal at the Booth Centre

## Grace Haven, Hamilton, Ontario A Safe Place for Young Moms

by Major Robin Cuff, Executive Director

Pregnant 14-year-olds, teenage dads, women and children from refugee camps a world away, mothers torn between the desperation of drug addiction and the yearning to parent their children. These are the people touched by The Salvation Army Grace Haven. Once labeled a “maternity home,” Grace Haven has significantly expanded its sphere of influence.

Our facility now hosts a Young Parent Resource Centre for pregnant and parenting teenagers and their children. In addition, our Parents Providing Care is a multicultural program for women and children who are newcomers to Canada. And the New Choices treatment program assists pregnant women in the grip of addiction.

It's all part of my daily adventures as I pursue my passion to serve people through Salvation Army social services ministry. I have witnessed tragedies and miracles, but through it all, I consider what I do a privilege, a joy and a journey.

If asked what is difficult in my job, I am likely to say “finances,” the ongoing search for money to keep things operating. But funding issues fade into the shadows when I encounter people who have lost all hope, who sabotage their own chances at happiness or do not appreciate the severity of the issues these young moms face. These are true struggles.

- I have seen lost hope in the brokenness of a teenager as her baby was taken into the care of children's aid. Many of the

young women that come to our centre do not have the skills, supports or self-esteem to properly care for children, and getting pregnant is often a subconscious effort to create “someone” to love.

- I have seen self-sabotage in the woman who has remained drug-free, participated in the program, learned parenting skills and earned the right to have her child returned, and then, as if success is more than she deserves, steps backwards into unhealthy behaviour again.
- I have been disappointed, discouraged and angered by those who stigmatize the women out of ignorance: the bus drivers who pass by our young moms with strollers who are just trying to get to the Grace Haven school; the judgments



# Belkin House, Vancouver Breaking the Cycle of Poverty

by Captain Jim Coggles, Executive Director

**M**y short journey as a Salvation Army officer has been both challenging and exciting. Throughout this time, God has further shaped my calling within the context of a larger social-service facility. As executive director of Belkin House, one of the newest and most exciting ministry facilities in Canada, I feel I am exactly where I am supposed to be.

If I was to define my ministry I would not say it is all about administration, although there is plenty of that. It is about influence—God influencing me so that I, in turn, may influence others. At Belkin House, we have a committed team that works under a common vision to positively touch the lives of the lost and broken multitude in the downtown Vancouver area. My main role is to influence and encourage team members, while maintaining a close connection with those who come through our doors each day looking for hope. As we assist, equip, mentor, build community and share God's Word, we are transforming lives by the power of Jesus Christ.

What stands in our way? It would be easy to say that lack of funding, internal and external bureaucracy, and a chang-



Cpt Jim Coggles motivates the team at Belkin House

ing world that seems to be increasingly less tolerant of the Christian perspective constitute some of the most significant roadblocks to our ministry. But the truth is, none of these things can ultimately frustrate the will of God. The only significant roadblock is one that God must deal with from time to time. That roadblock is "self."

As I survey this incredible ministry, I see God at work in many ways. The one area he has been growing and shaping the most is our Breaking the Cycle program, a proactive approach to the tragedy of poverty and homelessness. It is practi-

cal assistance that goes beyond meeting basic needs. It involves mentoring, imparting vital living skills and encouraging a positive sense of healthy community that builds a person up while maintaining a strong emphasis on the spiritual formation of the individual. It's about loving and longing for people the way God does.

It is a dream come true to lead this wonderful team that God has assembled here at Belkin House. It is also a huge responsibility. I know I must proceed with great care and humility, and in the grace of the God who has saved and called me and to whom I am ultimately accountable.

about the character of our moms who struggle with addictions; the assumptions about the intelligence or education of the moms who don't speak English. Some people just don't understand.

But I do not dwell on these struggles. My ministry is about hope, positive change and creating new futures, and I have learned so much.

- I have learned that everyone needs relationships. Often a woman's harmful behaviour is simply her best effort to get noticed, to get the love she desperately craves. Whether it's a teen joining a gang, a woman staying with an abusive partner or a student acting out in class, all are looking for a sense of belonging.
- I have learned to redefine success. When a woman living in poverty, struggling with addictions and a history of trauma, picks up the phone and calls our program for help, that's success. When a woman who relapses decides to start



Children receive the care they need to learn and grow

over, that's success. Success is a journey of little steps and I see those little steps every day.

- I have learned that we reach people

through relationships, not through programs. Programs need to be rooted in excellence, but by themselves they are ineffective. They are only the vehicle through which we can touch lives and encourage change.

- I have learned that it's important to respect people's right to make their own decisions, that there is no "us and them," and that I am only alone in this ministry if I choose to be. My team is my greatest asset, which I must treasure, encourage and develop. I am privileged to work with amazing team members who enthusiastically support our mission.

God is at work at our centre. Our name says it all. We are a haven of his mercy and love—a safe place to make mistakes and learn from them. God has blessed me with the insatiable desire to demonstrate his love to the people we serve and build relationships with staff. Together we are building a culture of grace.



# Jackson/Willan Seniors' Residence, Calgary Meeting Needs in Jesus' Name

by Major Dianne Davis, Executive Director



Two women share a relaxing moment in the lounge

In my 22 years of officership I have spent 18 years in some form of social services ministry. After four years as a corps officer, my husband and I were appointed to Le Phare du Havre, a French-language addictions program.

Here, I faced a number of struggles, including language barriers and a lack of knowledge about addictions. Taking courses gave me some needed support in these areas. After three years, we left Quebec to travel to various other appointments where we continued to work in the field of addictions and homelessness.

In my years of working with addicts, I have learned that there is a lot more abuse

out there than I ever thought possible. There are so many people hurting from sexual, emotional or physical abuse as children that it is heartbreaking. Addiction is often a coping mechanism for those who have suffered tremendously.

I have learned that good soldiers in our corps still sometimes question social services officers about how they can work with "those kind of people." But these individuals are loved by God as much as anyone. Jesus spent more time with marginalized people than with people who felt they were righteous. Through my experience in social work, God has taught me to love people that the world

finds difficult to accept.

Am I perfect in loving? No, I still need to have an attitude adjustment at times. I have learned that I need to stop and listen to what people are really saying, not what I think they are saying or want them to be saying. It's so easy to hear what you want to hear or to give only half an ear to people as your mind thinks about other things.

Currently I am working in a different area of social services. I work in Calgary at Jackson/Willan Seniors' Residence, a home for people with mild to moderate dementia, Alzheimer's disease being the most common. This is a new experience for me. But what a joy it has been to hear the residents share stories of their youth. They might not always remember who I am, but they remember all the words to the old hymns. They, too, are loved by God.

Where do I see God at work in my ministry? God is ever present in the lives of the residents, in the loving care that my staff gives to these older adults and in the way he uses and transforms me to further his Kingdom.

My support comes from other officers, many of whom are retired and offer their godly wisdom. But mainly it comes from my husband, Maurice, who so patiently lets me rattle on about my discouragements and frustration because he knows that talking about them helps bring resolution.

# Correctional and Justice Services, Moncton, New Brunswick Touching Lives Behind Bars

by Major William King, Executive Director

In Proverbs 29:18, we read that "where there is no vision, the people perish" (KJV). Vision and ministry go hand in hand and God has blessed me not only with a burden for ministry but equipped me with a vision for my ministry. I have been a Salvation Army officer for 31 years. For the past 21 years, I have had responsibility in social services, particularly in the field of correctional and justice

services. During these years I have had the privilege to speak with, counsel and journey with many individuals whose lives have been affected by the criminal justice system. The greatest need I have noted from these people is their need for acceptance.

My ministry to this community of people is enhanced by dedicated volunteers and staff who have caught the

vision and have come alongside with their passions to care for, lift up and reach out to wounded souls who come within our sphere of influence. Financial support from The Salvation Army and the United Way has made many of the community programs a reality.

My vision for ministry embraces the families of those who are and have been incarcerated. In recent years, our office has



# Newfoundland and Labrador East Community and Family Services Working “Outside the Box”

by Wanda Burt, Divisional Community and Family Services Director

Since commencing my work as divisional community and family services director in 1999, I have learned the value of working in partnership with the community. In building networks and partnerships we learn where significant gaps and needs within our communities exist. We learn where we as a corps or social ministry unit can best be utilized to fill that gap, or if indeed we are the right organization within the community to respond to that specific need.

Developing intentional partnerships links us with people, agencies and government departments that can bring the right experience, expertise and resources to our ministry. We need not fear losing ourselves or our identity by partnering with other organizations. Our partners become our allies, and the Army's exposure within the community only increases as other organizations learn who we are and what we can offer in partnership with them.

I've also learned that we have to be intentional in looking for new mission opportunities. We cannot be complacent and content with traditional methods and programs if they are no longer meeting the needs of people within our corps, social programs or communities. We can't be afraid to take risks and look outside the box of our regular programming, redefining what we do and how we do it to fulfil our mandate in the most meaningful way. The idea of carrying out community and social programming in a corps setting is often upsetting to our traditional views of what corps should be. However, being “a

transforming influence in the communities of our world” may mean seriously evaluating our methods. We must embrace change in our approach to ministry if we truly want to be influential and effective.

An example of this kind of integrated mission is Home with a Heart, a program for single mothers at Chalker Place Community Centre. Planned in partnership with our local St. John's community and family services, it has since been carried out at two nearby corps and the Clarenville Correctional Institution for Women under the Army's correctional and justice services department.

Since 2003, I have been involved in the redevelopment of our social services ministries in downtown St. John's. This has meant visioning and planning, building partnerships, developing focus groups, funding proposals and a new program model, as well as giving oversight locally as the project manager to the redevelopment of our new Wiseman Centre shelter for men. It's been a great opportunity for me to personally learn and grow. It has also deepened my dependency on God to see us through the many details and complexities of this project. Yet this project in particular has stretched my faith

**Women from Chalker Place in the Home With a Heart program are treated to free hair care, a manicure and facial, courtesy of Academy Canada**



developed programs, such as OK-Kids, that promote the restoration of the family unit. OK-Kids helps children of offenders deal with the stigma attached to having an incarcerated parent. It also helps children to accept and live through the incarceration of a loved one.

As a part of the program we deal with the family as a whole. Otherwise we send the children back to an environment where other family members have not moved on or have faced the reality of a

loved one being incarcerated. In January, we started a program called OK-Families to help incarcerated parents build stronger families, whether that is during incarceration or after release. This program is unique in that it helps the entire family unit work through issues that surface as a result of the incarceration.

This program is new and is in addition to other Salvation Army correctional and justice services programs already in place, such as OK-Kids, Woman at the

Well, Wraparound for Women, Keys to a Loving Relationship and Positive Lifestyles. Each of these allow the incarcerated parent, the children and ultimately the entire family to work through the period of imprisonment. My passion is for people affected by the criminal justice system. My vision is for those who are oppressed to experience restoration and wholeness. My desire is to provide resources to make all of this a reality. ☺

in what can be accomplished when God's plan and our vision are united. In the divisional executive board, we share a lot of laughs as we meet around the boardroom table. We also agonize over certain decisions that need to be made. It's an advantage in this ministry to have a supportive team such as this to turn to with program ideas or dilemmas. Members of the divisional staff who work in other social services ministries have been a great source of support as we share concerns or accomplishments and encourage each other in our respective areas. Support from THQ has also been appreciated as territorial consultants and other personnel have given expert advice and direction for my own work and ministry.

Along with the internal supports, I feel very connected to an external support system through the many networks, partnerships and committees in which I am involved. This support system represents a tremendous resource base that I can call on at any time, and has been an invaluable asset to my work.

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# Come On and Celebrate!

Join in a birthday bash marking 125 years of Salvation Army ministry in Canada

by Colonel Gwenyth Redhead

For several months a series of intriguing advertisements have appeared in *Salvationist* announcing something called Celebration OneTwoFive, to be held in Winnipeg June 15-17. Where does the name come from? OneTwoFive represents the number of years since 1882, when The Salvation Army officially began in Canada, joined later by Bermuda in 1896.

So why celebrate? For several reasons. Who doesn't enjoy a celebration? God certainly does. They were his idea in the first place. The Old Testament is full of annual celebrations—the Feast of the Passover and the Feast of Tabernacles, to name just two. And nobody enjoyed a party more than Jesus. In fact, the religious people of his day took him to task for socializing. One of his most famous stories—known as the Parable of the Prodigal Son, but perhaps more accurately titled the Parable of the Good Father (see Luke 15:11-32)—ends with a great celebration feast. And why not? A son thought to have been lost had come safely home, or—to use Salvation Army terminology—had been saved.

So a birthday bash offers the chance to joyfully reflect on the incredible things God has accomplished through ordinary men and women who have made up The Salvation Army in Canada over the past 125 years. It also allows us to celebrate the diverse ways in which God continues to work through ordinary people who make up The Salvation Army today. And we can also look forward with hope to how God is going to give a new generation of Salvationists the opportunity to be fellow-workers in the future as he continues to do a “new thing” in our midst (see Isaiah 43:19).

In her article in last month's *Salvationist*, our territorial commander, Commissioner M. Christine MacMillan, stated that the Winnipeg celebration is scripturally grounded in Colossians 1:24-29. It will

be a multi-faceted experience, with each element reflecting a particular aspect of that passage.

Celebration OneTwoFive will be one seamless event with some unusual components. Among those who will be bringing creative gifts to enhance the weekend will be the Canadian Staff Band and Jubilate, a worship team from Bermuda. Enhanced by the presence of unique Salvation Army ministries that are offered in Winnipeg,


*God is continuing to do a “new thing” in our midst*

each gathering will explore one specific cause for celebration, such as youth or the family. These will be described in more detail in the May issue of *Salvationist*.

Celebration OneTwoFive is not just an “event” to mark on your calendar. It is a way to link our heritage with the desire to engage our modern-day communities. Through preparation together and celebration together, we will start moving on together.

Plans have been underway for many

months, co-ordinated by THQ and the Manitoba and Northwest Ontario Division. Everything is being undergirded by prayer throughout the territory, thanks to Major Lynda Watt, spiritual life and prayer coordinator, who facilitates the monthly Prayer Diary, and a local prayer committee led by Major Susan van Duinen. The committee is working diligently to provide many creative aids to prayer that will help participants focus on various expressions of Army ministry.

We have no doubt that the future of our territory will be shaped by the fresh inspiration and momentum that participants will receive at Celebration OneTwoFive. Our hope and prayer for each Salvationist is that they come away with a new awareness of Christ in their lives and identify with Paul's statement in Colossians 1:29 (*Living Bible*): “This is my work, and I can only do it through Christ's mighty energy at work within me.” 



# Knitting Rocks!

As I knit, I have time to pray, create and bond with others

by Captain Kathie Chiu

Corps Officer and Executive Director of The Caring Place Ministries, Mountain View Community Church, Maple Ridge, B.C.

The steady, rhythmic sound of the needles clicking together was enough to lull me into a meditative frame of mind. Knit three, purl three, knit three, purl three, faith, hope, love; Father, Son, Holy Spirit; physical healing, emotional healing, spiritual healing ... My mind kept going over and over the stitches, allowing me freedom to wander in the Spirit realm. Transported, I spent time pondering things that were good and noble. I revelled in the mystery of the heavens, God's will versus our free will, how our combined actions as a people may have affected our collective destination, and even God's specific vision for my life. All kinds of thoughts ran through my mind, passing inspection as they were taken before the Lord to be held up to the scrutiny of what I knew to be true. And I prayed for my friend who would be the recipient of my work.

As my prayer shawl took shape, the lovely hues of royal blue, mixed with other colours, filled my senses with deep satisfaction. This was a time spent in prayer and meditation. Yet at the same time it was participation in a craft that has roots in our ancient history as a people. My mother knit, my grandmother knit, my great-grandmother knit, and so on and so on .... There is something gratifying in the knowledge that when I knit, I am connected to my family's ancestors, bonded together, time transcending all things. I am my mother, my grandmother, my great-grandmother. Now my daughter knits and is participating in this family tradition.

People always see me knitting. Some make jokes—"Oh, there's Kathie knitting again." And some man will usually look and say with a cynical smile, "My grandmother used to knit."

"Really?" I reply, not even beginning to wonder where that prejudicial comment came from. It's amazing what people will say to a woman they see knitting.

To get a postmodern view of an ancient craft, I explored how people see knitting. I guess the comments about

me being a knitter had me intrigued. Was it so unusual to see someone like me knitting? Someone young, bright, smart—what am I doing spending my time knitting? It doesn't fit the stereotype. Further complicating matters is the fact that I'm a working woman in a professional capacity in my community. You'll find me on local committees, staff meetings, fundraising events where I speak, preaching sermons on Sundays, negotiating funding contracts, writing



*As a professional working woman, my life is as varied as it could ever be*

and helping to run a retail yarn shop that raises funds for our ministry. My life is as varied as it could ever be.

But I am not alone. Apparently, knitting has become the new cool thing to do. Knitting rocks! I knew that. Websites have popped up, knitting blogs are all over the Internet and some of the most popular celebrities have taken up needles. I mean, Julia Roberts knits! Even men have joined in the fun. What is it that draws them?

Well, life is full of stress. That busy life I lead? I'm not alone. I deal with people who are marginalized and victimized—especially women. Their stories rip my heart from my body, and I've spent more than a few sleepless nights over the destruction

and devaluation of human life. When I return home from work, I spend time with my children and relax for a while with my 86-year-old mother who lives with me. And then I knit. I unwind. My mind begins the sorting process of placing all the information in the right file—while I knit.

Other people have discovered this wonderful process. "You knit me together in my mother's womb," wrote David in Psalm 139:13. At The Caring Place and in Once Upon a Sheep—the yarn shop that operates there—we say that God also "knits people back together." In so doing, he also allows me to use knitting to help that process along. Some of the women from our transitional housing program knit with me. As we share together, bonding takes place and hearts are slowly healed as God knits them back together.

Knitting helps heal hearts. Knitting helps heal spirits. Without knitting, my life would be just one busy activity after another. Knitting slows me down, gives me time to pray, create and bond with others. In other words, it helps balance my life. Does your life need some balance? Perhaps you should knit. ☺

*More women from every generation are taking up needles and men are joining in as well. Here are some helpful websites with more information:*

[www.learntoknit.com](http://www.learntoknit.com)  
[www.knittinghelp.com](http://www.knittinghelp.com)  
[www.bestillandknit.com](http://www.bestillandknit.com)  
[www.menwhoknit.com](http://www.menwhoknit.com)

*Knitting and crocheting can be a wonderful way to minister to others. Here are some websites with further ideas for you to consider:*

[www.shawlministry.com](http://www.shawlministry.com)  
[www.knittingforcharity.org](http://www.knittingforcharity.org)  
[www.warmwoolies.org](http://www.warmwoolies.org)  
[www.afghansforafghans.org](http://www.afghansforafghans.org)

*Also check out Knitting in the Mystery: A Guide to the Shawl Knitting Ministry by Susan S. Izard and Susan S. Jorgensen (Morehouse Publishing, 2003)*



# A WAY FORWARD

Accomplishing our territorial goals requires a good road map, a clear sense of purpose and a definitive plan of action

by Colonel Glen Shepherd, Chief Secretary

Following a lavish dinner for an esteemed bank president who was entering retirement, a young regional manager approached him to ask a question. “How did you become president of the bank?” he asked. “What did you do?”

The old executive looked at him and replied gruffly, “Good decisions.”

“And what enabled you to make those good decisions?” the younger man asked.

“Experience,” came the one-word reply.

Not to be put off, the regional manager pressed on. “But sir, how did you get your experience?”

The older man paused for a moment before he responded. “Bad decisions,” he grunted, as he turned and walked away.

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We all know that the threads of life are made up of experience, bad decisions and good decisions. The leaders of The Salvation Army in this territory want to make good decisions—not just for the sake of our own personal dignity, but because we really care about the Army and its mission.

Over the past few years, members of the territorial Cabinet have been working through a series of issues that will better enable The Salvation Army to respond to 21st-century needs. This exercise has led to a growing awareness of the challenges we face, first and foremost of which is leadership personnel. We need competent people, with adequate skills and training, who understand and share our values. Only then can we truly achieve our God-given mission.

## A Common Sense of Direction

This notion of leadership development first emerged from a meeting with Hay

Consulting Group in May 2005, attended by key Army leaders from around the territory. The plan was to develop a road map to help us address the needs of modern society within our financial means. Among the conclusions that emerged were the following:

- The determination of some key program priorities that would allow the Army to deal with the challenges of multiculturalism and rural ministry and create an integrated, community capacity-based approach to our holistic mission.
- The need to invest significantly in leadership development in order to have the people we need to do the work involved.
- The restructuring of administration to free up officer personnel for front-line ministry and reduce managerial

costs, thereby making available needed resources to invest in the first two priorities.

Following further consultation at the territorial leaders' conference, work was begun on all three fronts. Then, in November 2005, delegates to the territorial symposium reinforced these same principles. They called for the Army to reach out to the community as a truly missional church, to work to reflect the multicultural profile of Canadian society and to involve lay people in the fullest way in the pursuit of our mission.

Let me touch briefly on where we are with these three important issues.

## Administrative Structure

A long process of study and consultation took place between July 2005 and July 2006 regarding our current administrative model. This was followed by a proposal submitted to IHQ that is currently under review.

## Mission

The profile of the Army is changing across the territory. Deliberate strategies are being developed to help us reach out and begin to reflect the multicultural makeup of our communities. The Ethics Centre is working with the social services department to develop a values congruency project to affirm that our Christian values reflect the way we do mission. In addition, we are moving deliberately toward the concept of integrated mission, which will mean a fundamental shift in our default thinking. It will change the way we define normal corps ministry and push us toward more of the American-style corps/community centre model. This not only reflects the best in current thinking about the missional church, but in fact recognizes what is already taking place more and more in many of our ministry units across the territory.

## Leadership Development

This is an issue not because our people are less competent or capable than they were in the past. Rather, it is a reflection of three factors:

- The growing complexity of ministry in 21st-century society
- The duality of our mission
- The changing way in which we deliver our services

## Influences on Modern Leaders

As outlined above, one of the key issues impacting leadership development is the increasing complexity of our modern world. My wife and I lead a college and careers Bible study at Agincourt Community Church. The discussion is always fascinating, but what really strikes me is the sophistication and educational achievement the members bring to the group, the ambiguities inherent in the moral environment in which they live at school and work, and the problems stemming from their experience with broken relationships in their own lives, or those of their families or friends. This certainly presents a challenge for leaders attempting to address a multitude of issues not always







# Growing Community From the Inside Out

Throughout the territory, volunteers give of their time and energy to provide exemplary service to those in need

by Major Patricia Tuppenney, Territorial Volunteer Services Secretary, THQ

**A**ll across the Canada and Bermuda Territory, volunteers are making a difference in the lives of individuals in their communities. The Salvation Army wants to celebrate the many individuals who so generously give of their time and talents to assist us in our mission.


beyond anything else I have ever done. It offers you the opportunity to reach out to others and touch the lives of many lonely people in Jesus' name."

George (Bob) Hillier is a soldier at Spryfield Community Church, Halifax, where he volunteers his time to co-ordinate the Breakfast at the Block program.

ing at Ottawa Grace Manor since October 2002. "I was born at the Grace and worked at the Grace, so it is only natural I would return as a volunteer," she says. Mary Jane assists the hairdresser by transporting residents, shampooing and taking out rollers. She also conducts tours of the facility and serves on two committees. She is part of a team of dedicated helpers who provide all kinds of needed service. Volunteers assist by serving meals in the dining room, delivering mail, reading to residents and taking them to appointments. They help with recreational events such as gardening, crafts, bowling, parties, even playing musical instruments.

Retired police officer Jim Topham and retired firefighter Bob Plant volunteer at the London, Ont., Centre of Hope, where they do pick-ups and deliveries and provide security for Christmas hamper registration. "People are so appreciative," they admit, "and it's great to know that you're doing something worthwhile. We enjoy the variety of assignments, as well as the good feeling of contributing to the community and giving back some of the blessings that we enjoy." Their advice to potential volunteers? "Try it. You'll enjoy it, and feel fulfilled and rewarded for your good deeds."

Vancouver Harbour Light is fortunate to have Barbara Denham as one of its many caring volunteers. Barbara used to attend the food line and now volunteers there several days a week, scraping plates, serving food, just spending time with the clients. She chats with them as they enjoy their meal. Barbara explains the reason she keeps coming to volunteer: "It's the biggest help you can give. You get a greater buzz from helping than you do from using."

These individuals are but a sample of the more than 102,108 volunteers who contribute to growing their community through special events or regular ministry. For more information on volunteering, check out the human resources section of [Salvationist.ca](http://Salvationist.ca). There's a place for you! 

*"Try it. You'll enjoy it, and feel fulfilled and rewarded for your good deeds"*

—Jim Topham, London, Ont.



In St. John's, N.L., volunteers are growing community at the Army's Friendship Corner, a street-friendly drop-in centre that is part of the city's downtown core ministries. Barbara Hayward has been volunteering there since the program started six and a half years ago. She greets the guests, serves them a meal and provides a listening ear. Barbara states that she is willing to do "whatever it takes to add value to their lives." When asked what she would like to tell other volunteers or potential volunteers, Barbara says, "Volunteering has been a very rewarding experience,

He and about 15 other volunteers prepare approximately 60 breakfast trays each Saturday morning, which they deliver to area children. Over a period of six months more than 1,000 breakfasts were served. George enjoys reaching out to children and their parents and finds it very rewarding. He challenges volunteers to "search your heart before committing your volunteer services to ministry. Ask God to help you in this, and then you will know for sure if this work is for you. Remember, you are doing God's work!"

Mary Jean Curry has been volunteer-





# Adventures in an RV

After a devastating cycling accident, my husband and I needed a new beginning. So we hit the road and discovered the joy of volunteering

by **Kathy Bain**, *Yorkminster Citadel, Toronto*

**W**hile cycling on a country road in Maine 10 years ago, my husband, Gordon, and I were struck by an out-of-control car. From that moment on, our lives changed dramatically. Everything we had taken for granted—health, career, financial stability—disappeared in an instant.

Gordon sustained a critical head injury and spent time in a local trauma unit. I ended up with a broken back, spent eight months in a body brace and lost the career I loved. I went from a fulfilling job in the corporate world to a leisurely life fraught with anger and frustration. As I attempted to cope with my health problems, however, God opened up incredible new opportunities for service.

## New Worldview

In the summer of 2000, Gordon and I volunteered at the Canada and Bermuda booth during the Army's International Millennial Congress in Atlanta. Gordon's former corps band from England had been invited and we hoped to renew old friendships. But what started out as a band visit became much more. Although the arena held 20,000 people, we felt an intimacy and closeness during the sessions that was inexplicable.

I was most impressed by the profiles of Salvationists from developing countries. Hearing the sacrifices they were making just to live as Christians made me realize I was living a selfish, self-centred life. When we returned to Toronto, I resolved to make a new beginning and get more involved in my corps. And, instead of feeling sorry

for myself, I began counting my blessings for a now healthy body.

## Life is a Highway

Two years ago, we experienced another life change when we decided to travel across North America in our motor coach. This meant cleaning out our house of 25 years and getting rid of most of our material possessions. I was uneasy about the prospect of life on the road, but the Lord has been faithful, directing us to many new friends as well as enabling us to retain ties to our corps family in Canada.

We attend many motor home conventions where we have built strong friendships. In a setting where "happy hour" is the highlight of the day for many RV enthusiasts, we have established quite a different routine. As Salvationists, we prepare "afternoon tea." Our friends, fascinated by Gordon's tea-making ritual, frequently ask: "Is it tea time yet?" It has become a substitute for their usual drink at the bar. Not exactly outreach, but close!

## Christmas in Arizona

Last year we travelled to Phoenix, where we volunteered with the Army's Christmas effort. Little did we know, the city operates one of the biggest toy drop-offs in the country. We helped in the central warehouse where 1,200 families a day are supplied with gifts, and also at the Angel Tree in a local mall where shoppers can purchase gifts for specific children and add their tags to the tree.


By the time Christmas arrived, we were exhausted. Our RV neighbours must have been wondering where we were going



**Gordon and Kathy Bain: Counting their blessings**

every day—this was certainly no life of leisure! But that didn't stop us. On Christmas morning at the Phoenix Convention Center, we helped as the Army served thousands of meals. Arriving at a chilly seven a.m., it was exciting to see whole families, including kids with Santa hats, loading dinners to take to over 1,200 shut-ins.

The Salvation Army's family and community services give us such wonderful opportunities to serve others in a world where we have so much. When we left for Phoenix, a business friend offered to help in our place at our local Mississauga family services centre. As a result, she is now a regular volunteer.

Gordon and I are thankful for these new adventures, and feel privileged to serve the Lord in this exciting lifestyle. As we approach Easter, we think of Salvationist friends in the developing world who are making sacrifices and being persecuted for their faith. We think of those families who received gifts through the Army at Christmastime and trust that it made a difference. Most of all, we think of the supreme sacrifice Christ made for us. 



## RECOGNITION AND ENROLMENT



### Faithful Service

HALIFAX—Nancy Jewer is honoured for 20 years as a Salvation Army employee. From left, Shawn West, DSBA, Maritime Div; Nancy Jewer; Maryann Doyle, director for employee relations, Maritime Div

Mark your calendar and plan to attend  
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### Agincourt Community Church (former Chester and Danforth Corps)

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With General John Gowans (Rtd)

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If you have memories and historical information about Agincourt CC, fax 416-493-3569 or e-mail agincourtcorps@bellnet.ca. For more information call the church office at 416-497-7520

NOTE: When submitting pictures with tributes or news reports, they should be sent as photographs to be scanned, or e-mailed to salvationist@can.salvationarmy.org as digital images with a resolution of at least 300 dpi. Send images as JPEG or TIFF attachments and avoid including images embedded in Word documents or within e-mail messages. Do not send printouts of digital pictures as these cannot be used. We require the original computer file for processing in order to make your photographs look their best.

### Strengthening God's Army



ST. JOHN'S, N.L.—Laura Osmond and Nicole Wheeler are welcomed as soldiers at St. John's Citadel by Cpt Julia Butler, assistant CO, and Mjr Rene Loveless, CO

WINTERTON, N.L.—New soldiers are welcomed at Lower Trinity Corps. From left, Mjr Vida Ryan and Cpt Leigh Ryan, COs; Stephan Ryan; Adam Harris; YPSM Malvena Harris



MORETON'S HARBOUR, N.L.—Four soldiers are enrolled during seventh anniversary celebrations at Clarence Wiseman Central Corps. From left, Mjrs Lorne and Ella Hiscock, guest leaders; Gladys Rideout; Terry Lambert; Maggie Jones; George Jones; Cpts Claudette and Chris Pilgrim, COs

## GAZETTE TERRITORIAL

### Births

Cpts Simon/Allison Downey, son, Aaron Micah, Feb 4

### Promotions to captain

Cadet Désiré Mounanga

### Appointments

Mjr Dennis Brown, DSP—social services, Ont. C Div; Mjr Judy Folkins, DROS, B.C. Div (additional responsibility); Mjr Michael LeBlanc, NRO regional director—Atlantic region, THQ business administration services (additional responsibility); Mjr Agnes MacDonald, Fairview Citadel, Halifax, Maritime Div; Mjrs Ian/Kathleen McAlister, exec dir and assistant exec dir, Grace Mansion, Vancouver, B.C. Div (pro tem); Cpt Lynette Barrett, DVSS, Ont. C Div; Cpt Steven Barrett, director, Liberty Housing and Support Services, Toronto, Ont. C Div; Cpts Glenn/Jean Bridger, community ministry officers, Sydney CC, N.S., Maritime Div; Cpt Désiré Mounanga, Église Communautaire de la Resurrection et de la Vie, Montreal, Quebec Div

### Reinforcement personnel

Cpt Stephen Court, assistant secretary for personnel—officer education, Australia Southern Tty; Cpt Danielle Strickland, territorial social

justice director, Australia Southern Tty; Cpt Sharon Dannock, Kingborough Corps, Blackmans Bay, Tasmania, Australia Southern Tty; Cpt Heather Richardson, associate CO, Hendon Citadel, London Central Div, U.K. Tty

### Reinforcement addresses

Lt-Cols Robert/Marguerite Ward, 4 Stirling Lane, Rolling Meadows IL 60008-2036, U.S.A.; Mjrs Gary/Sharon Cooper, 10 Jupiter Cres, Port Macquarie NSW 2444, Australia (e-mail: gary.cooper@aue.salvationarmy.org); Mjrs Brian/Rosalie Peddle, 6 Tide Close Rd, Auckland 1060, New Zealand (e-mail: brian.peddle@nzf.salvationarmy.org); Cpts Jason/Sharon Dannock, 101 Diamond Dr, Blackmans Bay AS 7052, Australia (e-mail: sharon.dannock@aus.salvationarmy.org); Aux-Cpts Edgardo/Elizabeth Avila, 1239 Country Glen Lane, Carol Stream IL 60188-4720, U.S.A.

### International College for Officers

Mjr Shawn Critch (Apr 11-Jun 4)

### Short-term disability

Mjr Linda Budgell

### Retirements

Mjrs William/Barbara Gower, out of Kennedy Park, Toronto. Last appointment: Gravenhurst CC, Ont. N Div

### Promoted to Glory

Mrs Aux-Cpt Emma Thompson, from St. John's, N.L., Feb 5

## CALENDAR

### General Shaw Clifton and Commissioner Helen Clifton

Apr 25-26 Toronto; Apr 27-29 WCBC graduation, Winnipeg

### Commissioner M. Christine MacMillan

Apr 6 Good Friday service, Listowel, Ont.; Apr 15 CFOT; Apr 18 human trafficking conference, JPCC; Apr 25-29 visit of the General and Comr Helen Clifton, Toronto/Winnipeg CC, Cranbrook, B.C.

### Colonels Glen and Eleanor Shepherd

Apr 25-29 visit of the General and Comr Helen Clifton, Toronto/Winnipeg; Apr 30 board meeting, WCBC (Col Glen Shepherd only)

### General and Mrs. Bramwell H. Tillsley (Rtd)

Apr 25 North Toronto CC; Apr 29 Meighen Retirement Residence, Toronto

### Canadian Staff Band

Apr 26 public meeting with the General and Comr Helen Clifton, Toronto; May 5-6 Montreal; May 26 38th anniversary festival, Scarborough Citadel, Toronto



## Accepted for Training

In the coming months *Salvationist* will feature testimonies from candidates who have been accepted for officership training in the Witnesses for Christ Session commencing in September

### Ian and Deanna Scott

*Grande Prairie CC, Alta. & Northern Ttys Div*

Raised in a Salvation Army home with a Christian upbringing, my years to date have prepared me for this new phase in my life. The turning point for me was at Forward '06 last July. When General John Gowans (Rtd) said that we are to "go outside the gates and minister to those in need," it struck home and made me realize that the best place for me to do that is within The Salvation Army. God's will for my life is being revealed as I venture forward to follow him.—Ian

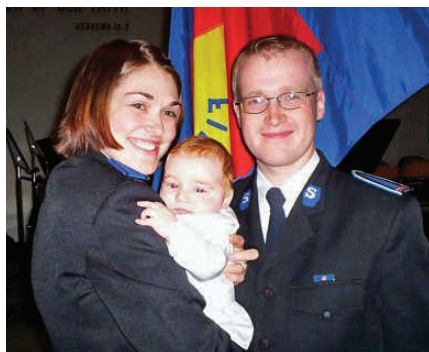


As an officers' child, my own calling has come after many years of thought and soul searching. It was important for me to know that my call has nothing to do with my family background or influences, but is based on my personal relationship with God. I am thankful for a lifetime of experiences that have prepared me to take this next step. Challenged by Paul's instructions in Romans 12:9-13, I pray that God will help me respond with a willing heart.—Deanna

### Robert and Hannah Jeffery

*Halifax Citadel CC, Maritime Div*

From an early age I felt called to be an officer, though it wasn't confirmed until I met my wife, Hannah. I praise God for the privilege of serving him and am seeking every opportunity to develop myself for future ministry as I work toward earning my MDiv degree. As an officer in the Canadian Forces over the past five years, I've learned about leadership and the value of hard work. I am overjoyed at the thought of one day leading men and women in The Salvation Army.—Robert



God has done amazing things in my life and I praise him every day for his abounding mercies. He has given me a wonderful husband and the gift of a beautiful son, James. Growing up I was always shy and never thought I'd be able to stand in front of people, yet God is developing me into the leader he wants me to be. I am looking forward to a lifetime of adventure and service and pray for God's further direction and guidance in my life.—Hannah

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## TRIBUTE



**BURNABY, B.C.**—Born in 1905 in Elgin, Scotland, **Marjorie (Madge) Fraser** moved to Calgary with her family at the age of eight. Madge soon linked up with The Salvation Army, where she became a soldier in 1924 and was active in leadership with the sunbeams (brownies). In 1927, she journeyed to the Winnipeg training college as a member of the Victors Session. She served as a cadet-sergeant the following year, then held several corps appointments before serving as a nurse at Grace hospitals in Windsor, Ont., Winnipeg and Vancouver. Madge relinquished her officership to care for her father during his illness and subsequent death. In recent years, she was an active and faithful soldier of Cariboo Hill Temple. Madge is survived by her sister, Edith; sister-in-law, Helen; niece, Diane Hill, and their family in Calgary.

**St. JOHN'S, N.L.**—**Brigadier Etta Pike**, a native of St. Anthony, N.L., was greatly influenced by her officer parents' sacrificial living through difficult years. Responding to God's call early in life, Etta left her brief Salvation Army teaching career and entered training at St. John's CFOT in 1940 as a member of the Crusaders Session. Her active officership consisted mostly of divisional and territorial finance appointments, along with 12 years of reinforcement service in British Honduras (now Belize) and Jamaica. Retiring in 1977, Etta lived in Toronto and St. John's. Her quiet, warm demeanour was reflected in one of her favourite songs that contained the words, "Content to fill a little space, if thou be glorified." She is missed by her sister, Lillie Adams; brother, John; dear friend, Major Beryl Harris, who shared her overseas experiences and was her companion through much of her officership; and many other family members and friends.



**TORONTO**—Born in Oshawa, Ont., in 1930, **Arthur Foote** moved to the Gananoque area with his family as a young boy, where he joined the local Army corps and eventually became CSM. Following his marriage to Dorothy George, who had come to Gananoque as the corps officer, they had five children. The family eventually moved to Toronto and attended Bloor Central Corps and then North York Temple. Over the years Arthur served as a bandsman, songster and CCM worker and was often asked to sing vocal solos. Following Dorothy's death, Arthur married Janet Hefford in 1998. He is missed by his wife, Janet; seven children, 14 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

**GLOVERTOWN, N.L.**—Born on Fair Island, Bonavista Bay, N.L., **Susie Holloway** raised four children with her husband, John. A faithful soldier and home league member for more than 60 years, Susie also taught Sunday school and sang in the songsters. She is survived by daughters Emma (Max) Kean and Brenda (Howard) Watkins; son, Fred (Louise) Holloway; son-in-law, Cliff Lush; nine grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; sister, Elsie Brown, and brother, George Cutler.



**TORONTO**—Born to officer parents in Wetaskiwin, Alta., **Brigadier Dorothy Thompson** grew up mainly in Cape Breton, N.S., and Ontario. She worked at THQ in Toronto before entering training in 1937 as a member of the Enthusiasts Session. Commissioned in 1938, Dorothy served in several corps appointments before returning to THQ as an officer in 1942. She worked for 36 years in the property department before retiring in 1978. During this time, Dorothy was active at her home corps of Wychwood, then Earls Court (now Yorkminster) Citadel. From 1942 to 1991 her leadership was channelled into her roles as Sunday school and directory class teacher, YP records sergeant, songster, guide captain and shepherd ministry leader. She was also treasurer of the THQ missionary group and secretary for the women's auxiliary of the Canadian Bible Society. Dorothy was always an encourager of others and never failed to thank those who blessed her.



**ST. JOHN'S, N.L.**—Born in 1918, **Norman Reginald Chaytor** was a lifelong soldier of St. John's Temple. A self-taught musician, he served as a bandsman and songster for more than 60 years, many of them in leadership roles as bandmaster, deputy bandmaster, songster leader and deputy songster leader. Norman's life was characterized by the encouragement he gave to others, not least through his significant contribution to Salvation Army music camps. He was a founding member of the men's fellowship and, in later years, a keen participant in Alpha. In 1969, as chair of the Salvation Army school board, he helped bring about the integration of denominational school boards. In 2004, he was awarded The Salvation Army's Certificate in Recognition of Exceptional Service for his many accomplishments. Norman is missed by his wife of 63 years, Lillian; sons Roy (Frances), Cyril (Terri), David (Anne Marie), Robert (Penny) and Gordon (Jocelyn); daughters Ruby and Joan (Philip) Lush; sisters Pearl Adams and Maud Grimes; brother, Baxter (Edna); 19 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren and many other family members and friends.

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# A Tale To Be Told

The narratives of our lives are rooted in a story greater than our own

by Major David Ivany, Territorial Youth Secretary, THQ

## A Franciscan Benediction

*May God bless you with discomfort  
At easy answers, half-truths and superficial  
relationships,  
So that you may live deep within your  
heart.*

*May God bless you with anger  
At injustice, oppression and exploitation of  
people,  
So that you may work for justice, freedom  
and peace.*

*May God bless you with tears  
To shed for those who suffer pain, rejection,  
hunger and war,  
So that you may reach out your hand to  
comfort them and  
To turn their pain into joy.*

*And may God bless you with enough  
foolishness  
To believe that you can make a difference  
in the world,  
So that you can do what others claim  
cannot be done  
To bring justice and kindness to all our  
children and the poor. Amen.*

People who attend SAROOTS can relate to this prayer. The prayer is intimate and direct. It is a prayer of the heart and the mind. It is real, it is hopeful. It is a personal prayer that is rooted in the life of Jesus, one that seeks expression in practical ministry within community.

Over the last few months *Salvationist* has published stories that were shared by various ministry leaders during “storytelling” sessions at SAROOTS last summer. They were God stories, stories of life change, stories of human interest. The stories provided food for mind and heart and stimulated

conversation and reflection.

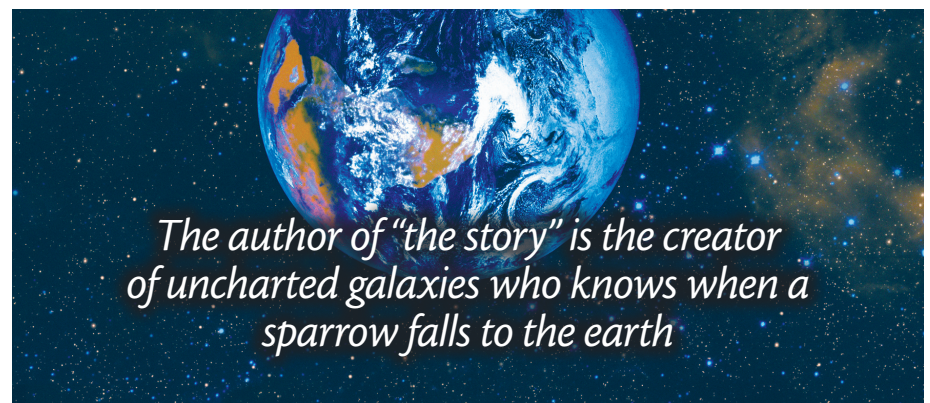
SAROOTS is a gathering of individuals in community, seeking God in a relaxed setting and examining what it means to be a follower of Jesus and do mission within The Salvation Army. I liken the beauty of the SAROOTS experience to a spiritual lab, smorgasbord or garden (pick your favourite metaphor). It is a place where I can be in conversation with God and others, listening and not being afraid to explore new ideas, experiences of worship or service in a non-threatening way. Whether over a meal or alone in the prayer room, I can process, evaluate and consolidate new information, all within the context of what it means to be a follower of Christ within The Salvation Army.

him, and he is with us. What a tale!

We are tempted to fit God into our story. We apply for his job, then want to turn things around and make him in our image. O the audacity of mortal me, calling down God to take care of my comforts, making him an add-on.

Whether you attend an SAROOTS gathering or not, I pray that you would find a place of community, where your story can be heard, where your dreams can be shared, where you can listen to and be humbled by God’s story in the lives of others. I pray that God would use your unique story to speak into the lives of others for God’s glory.

May we continue to allow our own stories to be rooted in a story greater than



As with all experiences, we receive what we give. Because the body of Christ is diverse, some styles, conversations, stories will be more appealing than others. But in a spirit of humbly seeking after God, these differences can be acknowledged, respected and even critiqued in the light of God’s grace and truth.

The author of “the story” is the creator of uncharted galaxies who knows when a sparrow falls to the earth. He is our creator and redeemer. We are his workmanship, his

artistry. As Paul writes in Ephesians 2:10, we have been “created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.” We are known by him, belong to

ourselves, not limiting it to the small house we construct in which we live our lives. Along with Charles de Foucauld, may we utter this prayer:

*Father, I abandon myself into your hands.  
Do with me whatever you will.  
Whatever you may do, I thank you.  
I am ready for all. I accept all.  
Let only your will be done in me  
And in all your creatures.*

*Into your hands I commend my spirit;  
I offer it to you with all the love that is in  
my heart.  
For I love you, Lord, and so want to give  
myself,  
To surrender myself into your hands,  
Without reserve and with boundless  
confidence,  
For you are my Father.*

Amen. S



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# Giving Kids a Leg Up

Encouraging young people can give them new confidence to change their world and do something with their lives

by Rebecca Gosse, William and Catherine Booth College

Sitting quietly by the campfire, I wondered what it might be like to be 11 again.

It's funny, because it wasn't that long ago but now, after talking to her, it feels like it's been decades.

Jesse\* was 11. She was from a small northern town, and was fortunate enough to be from a church that sponsored children to come to summer camp. She arrived a day early, and it was my job to make sure she was settled into her cabin and comfortable.

Jesse walked over and looked up at me with her dark brown eyes. "I have trouble getting along with other girls my age," she blurted out. I stepped back and fought off the urge to look shocked at the bluntness of her remark.

After introducing Jesse to her cabin leaders, I went back to my office to prepare for registration the next day. I couldn't help wondering if Jesse had ever heard anything good about herself or experienced any positive reinforcement in her life.

Encouragement is something that everyone hopes to experience. Whether it be at school as a child, at work as an adult or interacting with others in our social lives, we all want to be told that we hold the capacity to do well, to be better and to go somewhere.

In the movie *Man of the House*, Tommy Lee Jones plays Roland Sharpe, a Texas ranger assigned to protect five cheerleaders who witnessed a murder. At a school pep rally, when asked to give a speech to the crowd, he comments, "Anyone can cheer when you're winning. But when you're 20 points down in the third quarter you've got to ask yourself, 'Who you gonna call?'"

It's when people are at their lowest that they need someone to urge them on, someone to tell them that they believe in them, and that no matter what the outcome, they are a success.

## Nurturing Success

James Kouzes and Barry Posner, in their book *Encouraging the Heart: A Leader's Guide to Rewarding and Recognizing Others*, suggest that simple recognition of small achievements and successes is the best way to increase productivity and morale among employees. This is true about today's youth as well. When somebody takes the time to encourage a young person, they give them the confidence to be able to go somewhere in life.

Unfortunately, the reverse is also true. Just as positive encouragement can lead a child to greatness, put-downs can reduce them to nothing. Put-downs and discouraging words can lead young people to live out the poor behaviour of which they

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are accused. I'd love to say that when youth feel down, they can rely on more senior church members to cheer them on. However, too many times this is just not true.

In *A Tribe Apart*, Patricia Hersch argues that adolescents are no longer pulling away from adults as they once did. Instead, adults are pulling away from their children, creating feelings of loneliness and increasing the gap between generations.

Adults are afraid of young people today for more than one reason, notes Ron Taffel, author of *The Second Family*. Maybe it's that the experiences of today's youth are so far removed from those of their parents. Maybe it's that young people

are experiencing age compression, going through the normal routines of growing up at a younger age than those in previous generations. Perhaps it's just that parents spend so little time in their children's lives that they don't know them.





## Forging Relationships

In my four years at Booth College, every class I've taken that teaches something about youth has stressed the idea of relationships. Building relationships with young people is the only way to negate the feelings of fear and overcome the damage done by adults who have distanced themselves from their kids.

Imagine what our world would be like if every young person was told what he or she was good at. What would our churches and youth groups look like if they were filled with kids who knew what they could be, and led by people who were truly concerned with helping them develop their potential?

It might mean learning to live with the loud guitars and drums a couple of Sundays a month. We may have to display pictures by our young artists, or embrace the competitive football and hockey games they play each week. But in doing so we might just be raising a generation of capable, competent and confident God-loving youth.

## Positive Outcome

Jesse was all too aware of what people were saying about her and was tired of feeling pressured to live up to her bad reputation. She fought and displayed her negative attitude several times a day. She ended up in the camp office and, as she was walking toward my desk, I could see she was struggling to regain her composure.

"I like it here at camp," Jesse sobbed.

"Why is that?" I asked.

She began to tell me about vocal class and her solo for the performance. No one had told her how well she could sing before, and now all she wanted to do was sing.

"That's great, Jesse," I replied. "How about taking a deep breath and singing your song the next time you feel mad?"

"That sounds good," she responded, "but I don't think it will work."

"Will you try? Just for me?" I asked.

Jesse sighed. "I guess so."

She only had two more arguments that week—far less than in her first few days.

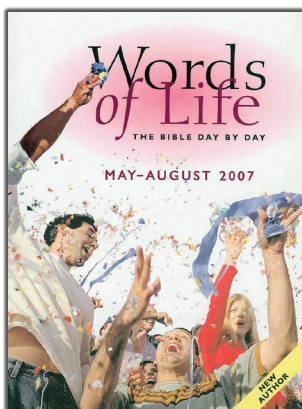
As I look now at the burned-out coals of the campfire, I realize that this thing I'm doing—all the studying and work—is part of something bigger. That moment with Jesse confirmed exactly what I felt God was leading me to do three years before. Helping a child discover something they love to do is vitally important, even if it's only temporary. But equally important is encouraging them to do it and to stick with it.

Is investing in youth ministry worth the cost? I think so.

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*\*not her real name*

## Resources



## Words of Life

May-August 2007

If Pentecost Sunday is the celebration of the birthday of the Christian Church, should we not be putting out more flags and dancing in the aisles? Yet it is a bit of a mystery to some, and sadly so is the Holy Spirit. The May-August edition of *Words of Life*—the first to be written by General John Gowans (Rtd)—begins by

concentrating on the third person of the Trinity and encouraging readers to give the Holy Spirit the place he deserves in the life of the believer.

General Gowans then tackles some of the unusual sayings of Jesus, shedding light on their meaning, before moving on to study Paul's letter to the Romans, one of the most glorious books of the Bible. Finally, he focuses on some Old Testament characters who, in their nature, reflect some of the characteristics of the Christ they predate by up to three millennia.

As the new writer of *Words of Life*, General John Gowans brings to this much-appreciated publication the insight and perception of one of The Salvation Army's greatest preachers and poets. Before retiring in 2002, he served in various leadership appointments in the U.K., France, the



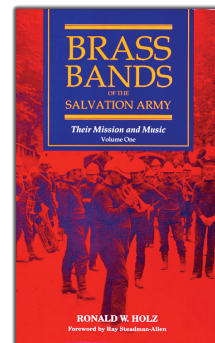
United States and Australia, culminating in service as the Army's world leader. He holds an honorary doctorate from Yonsei University, Korea, and was given the Freedom of the City of London in 2000. A widely published poet, he has also written the scripts and lyrics of 10 musicals performed worldwide.

## Brass Bands of The Salvation Army

Their Mission and Music

by Ronald W. Holz

This book examines the beginnings, development and purpose of Army bands, from the first group formed in England in 1878 through to the almost professional standards achieved by some of today's ensembles. With the help of contributing writers from around the world, the author takes a look at the mission and music of Army bands and asks, "What does the future hold for Salvation Army bands of today?"



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## April 1-5

### Focus on Our International Leaders' Visit to Canada (April 25-29)

- 1 Pray for the General and Commissioner Helen Clifton as they travel to Canada
- 2 Pray that the Holy Spirit will give inspiration and direction in their preparation
- 3 Pray for the officers, soldiers and friends to whom they will minister
- 4 Pray for their visit with the cadets at CFOT
- 5 Pray that the General's message at Booth College's graduation will have a powerful spiritual impact

## April 6-12

### Focus on Easter, using the prayer of Isaac Watts

- 6 When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of Glory died, my richest gain I count but loss and pour contempt on all my pride
- 7 Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the death of Christ, my God. All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood
- 8 See from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down; did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?
- 9 Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small; love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all

- 10 Thank God for his redemptive plan shown to us again this Easter
- 11 Pray for loved ones and friends who need Jesus as Saviour
- 12 Pray with gratitude for the inner joy that is ours as we celebrate the resurrected Christ

## April 13-19

### Living the Vision: We envision a territory of developing leaders

- 13 Pray for those who give faithful leadership in corps and centres throughout the territory
- 14 Pray that the Holy Spirit will inspire people to step forward where leaders are needed
- 15 Pray that developing leaders will find mentors to give guidance and direction
- 16 Thank God for leaders who impacted your spiritual journey
- 17 Pray that leaders will model Jesus' servant leadership
- 18 Pray for opportunities to encourage leadership in your congregation
- 19 Pray that we will be open to new areas in which we can minister

## April 20-26

### Focus on Newfoundland and Labrador East Division

- 20 Pray for men's fellowship throughout the division and for the new men's rallies being introduced this month

- 21 Pray for the congregations and corps officers who will need to adjust to circuit ministry in the coming year
- 22 Pray that the ministry of the Holy Spirit will be felt at this year's women's camps
- 23 Pray that young people meeting for the Youth Together weekend this month will have a renewed spirit for God
- 24 Pray for families who are facing a move away from their communities because of employment issues, especially where one spouse has to leave home because of a new job
- 25 Pray against the spirit of apathy and ask God for a new vision and energy to do his work
- 26 Pray that congregations will move outside the walls of their corps buildings to form new relationships with the unchurched

## April 27-30

### Focus on Government Relations

- 27 Pray that God will continue to use The Salvation Army to speak to matters of public good
- 28 Pray that God will help The Salvation Army pay attention to policy change and the impact it makes on our ministry
- 29 Thank God for the men and women who serve in the House of Commons and the Senate
- 30 Pray that we will continue to remember the MPs, senators, their staff and families in our prayers

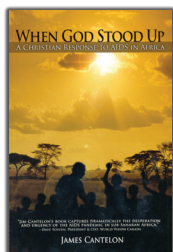


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## When God Stood Up

A Christian response to AIDS in Africa  
by James Cantelon

*When God Stood Up* tells about a remarkable journey that affirms God's presence in one of the most ravaged places on earth. Millions of our fellow human beings are depending on us to be "God's hand extended." Read about their stories and be humbled.



## Everybody Wants to Change the World

Practical ideas for social justice

by Tony Campolo and Gordon Aeschliman

All over the world, and in your community, people are lonely, hungry, sick, struggling to make ends meet, bitter, imprisoned, dying. In the pages of this book, you'll find numerous practical ideas for compassionately responding to the needs of others in the name of Christ.

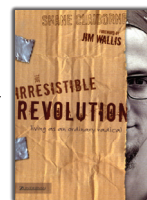


## The Irresistible Revolution

Living as an ordinary radical

by Shane Claiborne

This book invites readers into a movement of the Spirit that begins in the heart and extends through our hands into a broken world. Using examples from his own unconventional life, author Shane Claiborne stirs up questions about the Church and the world, challenging readers to change the world with Christ's radical love.

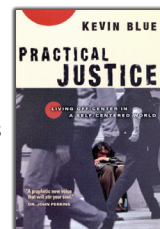


## Practical Justice

Living off-centre in a self-centred world

by Kevin Blue

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# Seeing the Big Picture

Salvation Army health and social-service ministries provide countless ways to influence our world for Christ

by Mary Ellen Eberlin, Social Services Secretary, THQ

The Salvation Army was called into being by God to share his love, meet human needs and be a transforming influence in the communities of our world. In Canada and Bermuda we have the privilege of living out this mission through our corps, health and social-service ministries.

All Salvation Army ministries are motivated by the love of God. This incentive drives our engagement in health and social-service throughout the territory. We do not, however, engage in this mission alone. Community members and governments partner with us. These partnerships acknowledge the philosophy and commitment of The Salvation Army to minister holistically, addressing the physical, psychological, social and spiritual needs of individuals, families and communities.

We are truly blessed to be in a territory where support for the Army's mission, both philosophical and financial, is available from the community at large. Health and social-service ministries exist because of the generosity of community members and the ongoing support of government through designated funding. The support of these partners creates an incredible opportunity for The Salvation Army. On any given day we are present in hundreds of communities, ministering to thousands of people.

However, with opportunity comes accountability and responsibility. Red Shield funding is tied to legislation that establishes the terms and conditions of how we spend our charitable dollars. This includes the need to make sure that our spending consistently aligns with the intentions expressed in our fundraising efforts and that the limits placed on administrative overhead are honoured. Government funding is provided in the context of "contracts" that identify the specific programs and services being supported. There are also expectations regarding staff qualifications, relation-

ships/partnerships with other providers, service outcomes and evaluation. Ongoing support is dependent on us being true to our values of integrity and excellence.

In the Canada and Bermuda Territory, accreditation standards and a review process are used to ensure that our ministries comply with specific denominational, health and social-service requirements. These standards identify processes and systems that support excellence in mission. They are consistent with territorial operating policies, reflect territorial governance and management structures and confirm the integral role of spiritual and

religious care in health and social-service ministries.

Those of us who support the Army's social services continue to listen for God's voice as he directs us to new challenges and opportunities. We see the emergence of integrated mission as the "way of working" for officers and employees as they engage with communities throughout the length and breadth of our vast territory. We understand the ongoing need for training and development for those who are called to social-service ministry and applaud a restructuring that will enhance functional and pastoral support to those who provide front-line service.

The challenge comes in raising awareness among Salvationists and others concerning critical social-service issues facing our territory. Mobilization and advocacy are also needed, specifically in the areas of human sexual trafficking and homelessness, as well as the creation of programs designed to help families impacted by fetal alcohol syndrome, abuse and poverty. These are all priorities for our attention.

The power of Salvation Army health and social-service ministries to share the love of God, meet human need and be a transforming influence in our world is

extraordinary. This issue of *Salvationist* was designed to help readers learn more about the scope and impact of these ministries as well as reflect on the challenges involved when we commit to living

out this mission. In some small measure we hope it has given you insight into the passion of those who are called to serve the homeless, the frail, the person impacted by addiction, those involved with the corrections and justice system, the mentally ill, those with developmental challenges, the abused and the poor. We thank God for them and are grateful for those they serve. S

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